

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, sadly the Biden inflation is ongoing, and families are struggling to survive as jobs are being destroyed.

Last month I shared the Labor Department report the Consumer Price Index for August was rising at the fastest pace in 13 years. This continued in September, and here are a few price increase examples: gasoline up 42.1 percent; gas utilities up 20.6 percent; bacon up 19.3 percent; eggs up 12.6 percent; children's shoes up 11.9 percent; fresh fish and seafood up 10.7 percent.

Biden tax-and-spend policies cause inflation and destroy jobs. Clearly, the Democrat elite think they are smarter than anyone with the Democrat voters they see as ignorant making a claim that \$3.5 trillion will have zero costs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from Afghanistan to America.

AN URGENT NEED FOR ACTION IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, in the midst of a statewide drought emergency, the Central Valley experienced considerable rainstorms this week.

While communities across my district are incredibly grateful for this rainfall, we know this relief will be short lived.

Farmers are desperate for water to grow their crops. Rural towns continue to face water shortages.

We are grateful for this rain. We need this rain. But we need this administration to understand the dire nature of our situation and take appropriate measures to capture our most precious resource.

I have asked time and time again for support from the House majority to address this issue.

I have expressed the urgent need for action to prepare for exactly the opportunity that has been pointlessly wasted this week.

The families in my district cannot continue to wait. I ask my colleagues yet again to join my efforts to improve water infrastructure and water management in California.

NUCLEAR FAMILIES SHOULD NOT BE PUNISHED

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk one more time about the reconciliation bill that may be before us very soon.

We began this session with a great electoral victory for Black Lives Matter, who on their website said we disrupt the western prescribed nuclear family structure.

First of all, I think that is just insulting because we have nuclear families all over the world. But in any event, I look at the reconciliation bill that is now before us, and it looks to me like a payoff to people who want to discriminate against the nuclear family.

Whether you look at the earned income tax credit, all the additional money in low-income housing, or the increase in Pell grants, they are all additional money that will be disproportionately very difficult for nuclear families to access.

I strongly reject voting for this bill because in the future we must no longer punish people who decide to live in nuclear families.

PRESIDENT BIDEN MUST ACT TO AVERT AN IMPENDING ENERGY CRISIS

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, this fall along with the cooler temperatures that autumn always brings, Tennesseans and Americans all across the country will be subjected to record-breaking prices to heat our homes.

Under the Biden administration, costs for natural gas, the most common resource for heating our homes, has skyrocketed.

With inflation at a 30-year high, families are already stretched thin as they pay more at the grocery store and at the gas pump, but it doesn't stop there.

Families are now expected to pay more in energy costs to heat their homes; as much as 54 percent for some households for the fall and winter months.

Rather than confronting this burgeoning energy crisis before it is too late, President Biden and Democrats are proposing disastrous energy policies that are bad for the economy, bad for the national security, and bad for Americans.

Included in their more than \$5 trillion social spending agenda is a natural gas tax and bans on domestic energy and mineral production, which will cause us to obtain these vital resources from OPEC, Russia, and even China.

As Democrats continued to push their tax-and-spend agenda, it is middle- and low-income families who will be hit the hardest by far left energy policies.

President Biden must act now to avert this impending energy crisis.

HONORING JARED KEYWORTH

(Mr. SCALISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero. Jared Keyworth from Mandeville, Louisiana, served as a senior inspector with the United States Marshals Serv-

ice and tragically lost his life in the line of duty earlier this month.

Senior Inspector Keyworth began his service with the Marshals Service in 2010 and took on assignments in Denver, Miami, and New Orleans. Most recently, he was selected to serve in the marshals' technical operations group in Baton Rouge.

Prior to Jared's service with the marshals, he served in the United States Army's Old Guard. During President Reagan's funeral, Jared escorted the riderless horse, the symbol of a fallen leader who will never ride again.

On September 28 of 2021, Jared was critically wounded while in pursuit of a violent felony offender. He passed away on October 1.

Jared will forever be in our hearts and minds, and we are eternally grateful for his service to our great country.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 27, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 27, 2021, at 9:43 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1872.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1899.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CONTINUED STATE FLEXIBILITY TO ASSIST OLDER FOSTER YOUTH

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5661) to extend flexible use of John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program funding to address pandemic-related challenges for older foster youth.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5661

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,